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OF THE

General Hospital Society of Conn.

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,

APRIL 18th, 1873.



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REPORT.

To the Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN:—The forty-sixth Annual Report is respectfully submitted.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, March 31, 1872.	47	13	60
Admitted during nine months, . . .	228	91	319
Total, . . .	275	104	379
Of this number there have been discharged:			
Cured,	164	65	229
Improved,	20	7	27
Unimproved and removed, . . .	12	7	19
Died,	18	10	28
	214	89	303
Remaining Dec. 31, 1872,	61	15	76
	275	104	379

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM APRIL 1, 1872, TO DEC. 31, 1872.

	Males.	Females	Total.		Males.	Females	Total.
April,	22	12	34	October,	28	11	39
May,	18	10	28	November,	19	13	32
June,	21	4	25	December,	29	8	37
July,	32	13	45	Total,	228	91	319
August,	22	9	31				
September,	37	11	48				

AGE AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females	Total.
Under 15 years,	3	1	4
From 15 to 20 years,	22	8	30
“ 20 to 30 “	67	42	109
“ 30 to 40 “	49	14	63
“ 40 to 50 “	48	12	60
“ 50 to 60 “	20	8	28
“ 60 to 70 “	14	4	18
“ 70 to 80 “	4	1	5
“ 80 to 90 “	1	1	2
Total,	228	91	319

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS.

United States,	151	Norway,	1
Ireland,	147	Scotland,	6
Germany,	32	Canada,	5
England,	22	France,	3
Sweden,	6	Nova Scotia,	1
Denmark,	4	Isle of Malta,	1
			Total, 379

OCCUPATION OF PATIENTS.

Ax Maker, 1	Coachmen, 4	Hack Drivers, 2	Quarrymen, 5
Brewers, 4	Cabinet Mk'rs 2	Iron Molders, 4	Segar Makers 3
Butchers, 4	Carpet We'vr 1	Laundress, 1	Shoemakers, 4
Blacksmiths, 8	Doctor, 1	Laborers, 50	Sailors, 48
Brick Makers, 6	Dress Makers, 2	Machinists, 7	Seamstresses, 3
Brakemen, 4	Domestics, 34	Marble cut'rs 3	Ship carpent'r 1
Burnishers, 4	Engineer, 1	Molders, 5	Servants, 37
Boiler Maker, 1	Farmers, 23	Masons, 4	Stone cut'rs, 5
Bar Tenders, 4	Gardeners, 4	Nurses, 3	Turners, 3
Baker, 1	Harness Mk'rs 2	Painters, 5	Tailors, 4
Barbers, 2	House keep'r 26	Peddlers, 4	Waiters, 6
Carpenters, 7	Hostlers, 5	Platers, 5	
Clerks, 7	Horse car dv'r 2	Printers, 2	Total, 379
Cooks, 5			

Whole number of State Patients,	179
Soldiers,	78
Sailors,	48
General,	74
Total,	379

TOWNS OF CONNECTICUT REPRESENTED IN THE HOSPITAL FOR
THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1872.

Collinsville,	Barkhamsted,	Oxford,	Old Lyme,
Litchfield,	Cheshire,	Groton,	Thomaston,
Plymouth,	Ansonia,	Fair Haven,	Mt. Carmel,
Waterbury,	Huntington,	New Town,	Westville,
New Haven,	Derby,	Colchester,	Westport,
Bridgeport,	Southport,	Prospect,	East Haven,
Meriden,	Norwalk,	Southington,	Orange,
Hartford,	Guilford,	Greenwich,	Milford,
N. Branford,	Brookfield,	Branford,	Stratford,
Wallingford,	Beacon Falls,	Canton,	Easton,
North Haven,	Portland,	Bristol,	Danbury,
West Haven,	Birmingham,	Chester,	New Milford,
Naugatuck,	Middletown,	New London,	Madison.
Hamden,			

Number of weeks State Patients were Supported,	1046
“ “ Soldiers “	864½
“ “ Marine “	178½
“ “ General “	255
Total,	2,344½

SURGICAL OPERATIONS.

Amputation right Thigh, 2	Operation on Eyes, 1
“ “ Leg, 1	“ Palate, 1
“ “ Arm, 1	“ on Urethra, 2
Total,	8

Number of births,	20
Males,	12
Females,	8
Miscarriage,	1

WOUNDS, INJURIES, AND ACCIDENTS.

Wounds incised,	10	Frozen Feet,	2
Injuries, Contusions,	19	Sprain of ankle,	1
Fractures (simple)	10	Lacerated ankle,	1
Fractures (compound)	2	Dislocation of shoulder,	1
Burns,	2	Sun Stroke,	2
Frozen Hands,	4		—
Gunshot wounds,	2		56

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Ossification of the Aorta,	1	Typhoid Fever,	3
Phthisis,	8	Accident,	1
Pneumonia,	2	Tetanus,	1
Pyæmia,	3	Old Age,	1
Congestion of the brain,	1		—
Abscess of the brain,	1		28
Rail Road Injury,	6		

DISEASES OF THE EYE.

Conjunctivitis,	5	Retinitis,	3
Choroiditis,	3		—
		Total,	11

DISEASES OF ORGANS OF CIRCULATION.

Pericarditis,	1	Purpura Hemorrhagica,	2
Scorbutus,	1		—
Hypertrophy of Heart,	2		6

DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY ORGANS.

Bronchitis,	12	Asthma,	1
Phthisis,	14	Pulmonary Hemorrhage,	1
Pneumonia,	5		—
Pleuritis,	3	Total,	36

DISEASES.

ZYMOTIC.

Typhoid Fever,	28	Diarrhœa (acute)	8
Intermittent Fever,	33	Diarrhœa (chronic)	2
Remittent Fever,	8	Diphtheria,	1
Erysipelas,	1		—
Dysentery (acute)	7		89
Dysentery (chronic)	1		

CONSTITUTIONAL.

Rheumatism (acute)	12	Cancer (scirrhus)	1
Rheumatism (chronic)	8	Gangrene,	2
Rheumatism (muscular)	3	Debility,	11
Gout,	4	Old Age,	2
Syphilis (primary)	10		—
Syphilis (secondary)	2		59
Cancer (epithelial)	4		

DISEASES OF NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Epilepsy,	1	Hysteria,	1
Insanity,	9	Apoplexy,	1
Delirium Tremens,	15	Paraplegia,	3
Neuralgia,	2	Puerperal Mania,	1
Softening of the brain,	2	Hemiplegia,	3
Congestion of the brain,	1		—
Concussion of the brain,	3		42

DISEASES OF BONES.

Necrosis,	2	Anchylosis,	2
			—
			4

DISEASES OF INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.

Ulcers,	23	Abscess,	2
Eczema,	3		—
		Total,	28

DISEASES OF DIGESTIVE ORGANS.

Dyspepsia,	6	Inflammation of Coecum,	1
Prolapsus Ani,	1	Tonsillitis,	2
Fistula in Ano,	3	Stricture of Rectum,	2
Constipation,	1		—
Hernia,	1	Total,	17

DISEASES OF URINARY AND GENITAL ORGANS.

Gonorrhœa	2	Inflammation of Bladder,	1
Stricture of Urethra,	4	Prolapsus Uteri,	1
Bubo,	3		—
Anteversion of Uterus,	2	Total,	14
Retroflexion of Uterus,	1		

DISBURSEMENTS.

Labor,	\$2,359.50
Provisions,	5,781.31
Medicines,	432.55
Barn,	312.75
Improvement on Grounds,	260.13
Repairs and Furniture,	1,997.01
Books and Stationery,	104.94
Gas and Water,	203.10
Fuel,	686.05
Funeral Expenses,	28.00
Insurance,	22.50
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	\$12,187.84

RECEIPTS.

Marine Patients,	\$1,259.00
State Patients.	1,501.99
Town of New Haven,	1,019.44
Soldiers,	5,210.91
Cash from General Patients,	3,407.75
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	\$12,399.09

At the annual meeting of the Connecticut Hospital Society, held at the Hospital May 9th, 1872, it was voted that, in future "the annual meeting of the Society shall be held at the Hospital in New Haven, on the third Thursday in April in each year, at such hour as the President and Secretary may direct, of which meeting notice shall be given."

At the annual meeting of the Directors of the Hospital Society, held May 10th, 1872, it was voted "that the Prudential Committee be instructed to make the fiscal year in future begin on the first day of January."

The annual meeting of the Hospital Society had been held always in former years on the second Thursday in May.

The above resolutions of the Society and Board of Directors, were passed partly, because it seemed more convenient to have the financial year end on the 31st day of December, but chiefly, to facilitate the earlier printing of the annual report of the Prudential Committee, in order that it might be distributed to the State Officials early in the session of the Legislature, which convenes on the first Wednesday in May.

The present report therefore deals only with the transactions of the Hospital for the nine months ending December 31st, 1872.

If the reader will take the trouble to compare the present with former reports of the Hospital, it will be found that the proportionate increase in the number of patients admitted into the Institution during these nine months, has been very much greater than in any previous year. In the present report there are three hundred and nineteen admissions registered, against three hundred and twenty-eight for the entire year ending March 31st, 1872.

If the patients which have been admitted during the three months ending March 31st, 1873, were added to the admissions of the previous nine months, an increase of twenty per cent would be shown above that of last year.

If we go back five years and compare the present with the report for the year ending March 31st, 1868, the most striking contrast will be found to exist between the two; that of the year 1868, records two hundred and twenty patients admitted during the year, against three hundred and nineteen for the nine months that the present document deals with; or if we take the nine corresponding months of the earlier report, we find one

hundred and seventy-five admissions for that period in 1867, against three hundred and nineteen for the nine months ending December 31st, 1872.

If we analyze a little further the report of 1868, it appears that the average daily number for that year was thirty-four; the greatest number on any day was forty-five; the smallest number was twenty-two.

The average daily number during the last nine months was a fraction under sixty, the highest number on any one day was seventy-eight, the lowest forty-four, this last being nearly equal to the *greatest* number on any one day during the year ending March 31st, 1868, and precisely double the corresponding number of that year.

In the year last named, patients were supported seventeen hundred and eighty-one weeks; in the nine months ending December 31st, 1872, patients were supported twenty-three hundred and forty-five weeks.

In whatever way we may group the figures of these two reports, they prove that the Hospital is now performing almost double the work that it accomplished five years ago.

There were sixty patients remaining in the Hospital under treatment on March 31st, 1872, which, being added to the number admitted during the last nine months, make three hundred and seventy-nine persons who have received the benefits of the Hospital during this period; there have been discharged, cured, two hundred and twenty-nine; twenty-seven have been improved, and nineteen have been removed as incurable, or before a proper time had elapsed wherein their condition could be determined; eight surgical operations have been performed. Twenty births have occurred, twelve male and eight female. Twenty-eight have died.

The average cost per week of each patient, not including rent of building, has been five dollars and twenty cents. This exhibit of the expense of maintaining each patient compares favorably with former years, especially if we consider the extraordinary size of the item against "repairs and furniture" in the table of disbursements.

For a year or two past the culinary apparatus has been found incompetent to suitably cook the food for the entire establish-

ment. A few months ago an entirely new range and accompaniments, built by Messrs. E. Moneuse & Duparquet, of New York, were placed in the Hospital, which not only work admirably for present wants, but prove a capacity to supply well cooked food of all kinds for treble the number of patients that the building now occupied can possibly contain. This addition has been made at an expense, including plumbing, of about one thousand dollars.

On the first day of July, 1872, the contract with the United States Government was renewed for the support and medical treatment of marine patients on the basis of one dollar per day for each patient.

The present report shows that the Hospital contained at one time during the year 1872, as many as seventy-eight patients, which is eight more than were ever before squeezed into the Institution on any single day.

The Prudential Committee does not mention the fact with any sensation of triumph, but to show the great stress that the Hospital has been in, to afford room for those patients who have applied for admission. They were received to prevent their consignment to a worse place.

Early in March, 1872, the Building Committee, consisting of Drs. Jewett, Daggett and Lindsley, opened a correspondence with F. C. Withers, Esq., of New York city, a gentleman of experience and reputation in hospital architecture, and invited him to make a survey of the old Hospital building and grounds, and produce a plan with the probable cost of additional structures to accommodate from seventy-five to one hundred patients above the capacity of the old building.

A little later R. G. Russell, Esq., architect of this city, was requested to submit his ideas in a plan for the proposed extension of the Hospital.

Mr. Donald G. Mitchell was also consulted.

These plans were presented to the Board of Directors late in May, 1872. At this time there had not been collected more than two-thirds of the prescribed amount to be raised by the friends of the Hospital to entitle it to the equal amount of twenty thousand dollars donated by the State, and the financial prospects of the Institution, as far as the new building was concerned, were far from agreeable.

It need not detract a tittle from the merits of other and earlier friends of the Hospital to name the three gentlemen who at this meeting of the Directors, did more for the immediate advancement of the object in question than any others before them.

Many had given money liberally, but Ex-Governor English, Messrs. Wm. Fitch and Harmanus M. Welch, deserve a more prominent and lasting recognition of their services at this period than this report can give them, for not only furnishing generously their means, but for pointing out the *way* in which the new building could be commenced without delay and hurried to completion.

At this meeting in May, 1872, the Board of Directors adopted a plan which blended the ideas of the different architects who had been consulted.

Ex-Governor English and Mr. H. M. Welch were added to the Building Committee, and these gentlemen suggested Nelson Hotchkiss, Esq., as the proper man to exercise a general supervision over the construction of the proposed building. The result thus far has proved the good judgment of this selection.

The Hospital is particularly indebted to Mr. Hotchkiss, not only for the practical knowledge he has brought to bear on the work, but for the zeal he has steadily manifested in watching closely the successive steps in the progress of the building.

The summer of 1872 was far advanced before the details were arranged for the commencement of the new edifice which is now being built.

The contract for the masonry was awarded to Messrs. Perkins, Chatfield & Co., and the wood-work to Mr. A. N. Clark.

As far as advancement has been made, the structure has received the most favorable criticisms from those who are best qualified to estimate the value of the work.

When finished, it will be commodious, cheerful, well-lighted, well-heated and well-ventilated.

To the most superficial glance, the new wings present an in-harmonious contrast with the architecture of the old building; but it was thought best by those who had the work in charge, in view of future improvements, not to attempt conformity with the designs of the original Hospital.

The entire cost of the structure—including the furnishing—will be not far from eighty-five thousand dollars.

It is believed it will be ready for occupancy early in August of this year.

A more minute description of the building, with a ground-plan and profile, is deferred until its completion for a subsequent report.

The patients received into the Hospital consist of the following classes:

1. Sailors, whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund, who are admitted on the order of the Collector of the port of New Haven.

2. Persons who are able and willing to pay for their own support, who resort to the Hospital on account of the superior accommodations which they can obtain at a moderate rate, or those from a distance who visit it for the purpose of submitting to surgical operations and treatment. The amount charged to such patients is intended to be only sufficient to meet their necessary expenses.

The number of this class is yearly increasing.

3. Those persons who are destitute and are supported gratuitously. To provide for this large class, the annual appropriation of the State of two thousand dollars, a trifling allowance from towns for their poor, and the scanty income from the Society's permanent fund—which will soon be exhausted to complete the new building—are the only reliance.

The number of applicants of this class for hospital relief increases annually, as the city grows larger, beyond all proportion to the number of any other class.

4. Soldiers. Soon after the close of the late war, the State made an appropriation, which has been continued annually, for the maintenance of sick or wounded soldiers, who were honorably discharged from Connecticut regiments which had served in the war of the rebellion.

It is believed that the records of the Hospital will attest the wisdom of this generous appropriation; more especially during the last year the Hospital has sheltered and provided for many of this class, who otherwise would have been neglected and forced to seek a home in our almshouses.

Besides the above named, there is a constantly increasing class, the victims of accident on the street, on the different railroads, or

the various manufacturing establishments in the city and its vicinity. A large number of these are homeless men and women, poor in purse, who are frequently maintained during their stay in the Hospital without any compensation whatever to the Institution.

This class of patients are always admitted immediately on their application without the ceremony of a permit, provided they are taken to the Hospital from the place where the accident occurred.

The Hospital is indebted to the following named clergymen, who have conducted religious services at the Institution at various times during the past year: Rev. Wm. Andrews, of the Church of the Ascension, Rev. Frederick Hyde, Chaplain of Trinity Home, and to gentlemen of the Theological Seminary. A temperance lecture has been given every Saturday evening during the last winter.

The commendation which has been bestowed in former years on the management of the Steward's department, by the present incumbent, is not less deserved in this Report; for honesty, industry, economy, a solicitude for the general welfare of the patients, and for efficiency in every particular.

The following is a list of donations received at different times during the period covered by this Report:

DONATIONS FOR 1872-'73.

North Church Society, 15 pairs of new sheets, 5 pairs of old do, 12 pairs of pillow cases, 1 pair of old pants, 6 new shirts, 2 night gowns, 1 double gown, 1 pair of men's wrappers, 2 pair old drawers, 1 bed quilt, and a bundle of papers; William T. Cannon, 6 shirts, 6 pair of stockings, 1 vest, 1 pair pants, 2 pair of drawers, 2 pair of shoes, and old cloth.

Mrs. Larned, 1 bottle of wine, 3 books, 2 pictures; Mrs. Carman, 3 parcels of old linen for bandages.

Mrs. Galpin, 1 promode; Mrs. Daniel Trowbridge, large lot of linen sheets for bandages; Mrs. A. N. Skinner, large bundle of cloth for bandages; Dr. T. H. Bishop, 35 Putnam's Magazines; Mrs. John Beach, four packages of magazines; A. A. Bruce, large box of books and magazines; Mr. Edward Marble, maga-

zines; Rev. Mr. Hermance, 10 volumes of Chambers Miscellany of instructive and entertaining tracts; Mrs. P. J. Griffin, books and magazines; Rev. Mr. Hyde, 24 volumes of common prayer books, 24 volumes of the mission service books; New Haven Club, 75 magazines.

THANKSGIVING.

Mrs. G. W. Staples, $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of sweet potatoes, 4 quarts cranberries, $4\frac{1}{2}$ dozen oranges, one dozen lemons, 2 lbs. fancy cake; Henry Reibsemer, one turkey; Dr. L. J. Sanford, one turkey; William Armstrong, one turkey; Mrs. Bacon, $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel apples, 4 bunches celery; Mr. H. W. Farnam, fifty dollars; Mrs. Eli Blake, five dollars; Lieut-Governor Morris Tyler, three dollars; Mrs. Eliza Strudell, one turkey, one bottle wine; Mrs. Larned, 4 papers corn starch; Mrs. J. A. Bishop, one turkey; Mrs. T. H. Bishop, one turkey; Charles H. Oakes, 50 sweet oranges; John H. Bax, one turkey, 3 chickens; Mrs. E. C. Scranton, one bushel sweet potatoes, and one turkey; Mrs. Robinson, one turkey; H. T. Blake, five dollars; Mrs. Daniel Trowbridge, one ham; D. L. Daggett, M. D., two turkeys.

CHRISTMAS.

William C. DeForest, one turkey; Bernard Reiley, one turkey; Mrs. W. Boardman, one turkey; Mrs. Eliza Strudell, one turkey; Twitchell & Thompson, 5 cakes, and a lot of doughnuts; Mrs. Abraham Heaton, 2 chickens, 1 turkey; Mrs. P. J. Griffin, one bottle wine, one bottle brandy, one bottle whisky, one bottle gin; William H. Sears, one gas stove; Mrs. George M. Staples, eight dozen oranges.

The Hospital is indebted to the following named ladies for their contributions to aid in furnishing a cabinet organ:

Mrs. E. S. Scranton,	\$10.00
" Boardman,	5.00
" T. H. Bishop,	5.00
" F. Bacon,	5.00
" H. O. Hotchkiss,	5.00
" J. Gillette,	5.00
" Daniel Trowbridge,	5.00
" W. A. Larned,	5.00
Mr. Farnam,	5.00

F. L. DIBBLE,
D. L. DAGGETT,
W. S. CHARNLEY.

Visitors' Report.

The Visitors for the past year respectfully report to the Directors of the Hospital that in the discharge of their ordinary routine duties, they have found no occasion to express dissatisfaction with the care or treatment of patients, but on the contrary, have seen very much to commend. Both from personal observation and from conversations with the inmates, they are satisfied that attention and kindness from the Hospital officials, care as to the quality and appropriateness of the food, and a general good order and neatness observable in and about the institution, have habitually characterized its management.

While the entire inadequacy of the old building for the proper accommodation of its inmates has been repeatedly forced upon our notice, the noble edifice now in process of completion, precludes the necessity for further reference to this subject. The Visitors, however, cannot refrain from the expression of their solicitude as to the provision of an adequate supply of Hospital Furniture for the new building. They are aware of the very limited means at the disposal of the Society, and of the necessity for a rigid and almost parsimonious economy to enable the Directors to meet the regular current expenses of the Hospital, but they cannot without some anxiety look forward to the opening of the new building, for the proper furnishing of which they see no provision. In the past history of the Institution, the Hospital furniture seems to have been rather poor in quality, and often quite insufficient in quantity. Water beds for ulcerated patients, easy chairs for convalescents, supplies of old linen for surgical cases, beds and bedding, needing frequent renewal under the necessarily hard usage of the wards of a surgical as well as a medical Hospital, have none of them been furnished with the liberality that is looked for in every well endowed hospital. But the New Haven Hospital has never been well endowed, or indeed in any proper sense, endowed at all. If ever a great public charity lived along from hand to mouth, it has been the charity whose affairs you administer. Whenever some urgent necessity for assistance has arisen, the Hospital Directors seem either to have got on without it, or to have taken to begging—generally from each other—for the small sums that were indispensable.

But with the Hospital now enlarged to receive three times its former numbers, this past policy must be abandoned. A considerable sum, probably not less than five thousand dollars, is needed to provide appropriate furniture for the use of the one hundred additional patients for whom room is soon to be furnished. The Hospital Society has not a dollar of funds of its own upon which to draw, and State aid must apparently be invoked the present session of the Legislature to complete the edifice itself: so that

no resources seems to be left except an appeal to the liberality of our citizens. The New Haven public has done comparatively little for the Hospital, chiefly because it has known so little about it. To most, it is known only as a place where poor people who are sick, or have met with accidents, are sent for treatment, and where a number of listless looking men on crutches are usually to be seen, who seem to the chance visitor to be chiefly engaged in breathing an atmosphere made up of the odors of fevers, apothecaries' drugs, and carbolic acid. A Hospital is not in itself an attractive place, and becomes so only as we are brought into personal contact and sympathy with its inmates. The statement, for instance, that in a single ward, there are to day thirteen patients under treatment, leaves a very different impression from that produced by visiting the ward itself and witnessing the thirteen occupied cots, and learning from the attendant the particulars of each suffering case.

D. E.,	age 37,	Mechanic,	Consumption.
I. G.,	" 29,	Discharged soldier,	Discore, knee joint.
R. MC.,	" 42,	House painter,	Double fracture of thigh.
W. E. T.,	" 26,	Sailor,	Single " "
T. W. R.,	" 21,	Peddler,	Glandular disease,
I. C.,	" 24,	Laborer,	Frozen feet—Toes amputated.
A. S.,	" 28,	Mechanic,	Necrosis of face.
J. D.,	" 48,	Discharged soldier,	Bronchitis.
M. M.,	" 53,	" "	Rheumatism.
C. R.,	" 24,	Laborer,	Broken Leg.
R. G.,	" 34,	Showman,	Cancer.
P. G.,	" 28,	Sailor,	Inflammation.
D. E.,	" 36,	Soldier,	Rheumatism.

The actual inspection of cases like these, where the suffering of the poor is being alleviated and their diseases cured, would call out a personal sympathy that would speedily bring an answer to the question how the necessities of the Hospital are to be supplied. A Good Samaritan would then be found in almost every household in which the words, "I was sick and ye visited me," are regarded as words of authority as well as of christian charity.

The present necessity of the Hospital seems to us to be a most urgent one, and we cannot believe that a great public charity, which has accomplished so much in the past on very limited means, and which has never been intrusive or importunate in making its wants known, will be hampered in its enlarged facilities for usefulness in the future by appealing in vain for the aid it so pressingly needs.

HORACE DAY,
JOHN B. ROBERTSON,
WILLIS M. ANTHONY,
DANIEL TROWBRIDGE,
THOS. H. TOTTON.

Hospital Regulations.

DUTIES OF STEWARD.

He shall purchase all supplies for the Hospital—shall collect all bills—shall employ the nurses and other servants required in the Hospital, under the direction of the Prudential Committee. The Steward shall have superintendence of the internal affairs of the Hospital in regard to the cleanliness of the Wards, Kitchen, Dining Rooms and Store Rooms, the furniture, bedding and clothing of the patients. He shall have charge of the grounds, and see that they are kept neat and in order. He shall see that the food is properly prepared and served, and that the extra diet is prepared and served to the patients in accordance with the directions of the attending Physicians. The Steward shall preserve order at all times among the inmates of the Hospital, and shall have power at his discretion to discharge patients for improper or disorderly conduct. He shall have the sole custody of all stimulants, and shall issue them to the House Physician on the order of the Attending Physicians.

THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Shall be subject to the regulations of the Directors. Shall manage the economical and financial concerns of the Hospital; shall meet as often as there may be occasion, and shall regulate the admissions and discharge of patients, and see that the Steward performs his duty. They shall prepare a table of general diet for the use of the patients, and revise the same from time to time as occasion may require.

In the discharge of patients they shall consult with the Attending Physicians.

THE HOUSE PHYSICIAN

Shall reside in the Hospital, and shall not absent himself at any time without the permission of the Attending Physician. He shall take in writing the medical and surgical history of every patient on admission, together with the name, age, sex, nativity,

mental condition and occupation, and this shall be recorded in the Case Book of the Hospital, with the subsequent treatment and progress of the case until the patient is discharged. He shall prepare all medicines and distribute them labelled with full directions to the nurses, and see that they are properly administered according to the order of the Attending Physicians.

He shall see that the nurses are faithful and attentive to their duties. He shall at all times give careful attention to the proper temperature and ventilation of the wards, and to their neat and orderly appearance. He shall have the custody of all the surgical instruments belonging to the Hospital, and be responsible for their safe and proper keeping.

The House Physician may, in cases of emergency, prescribe temporary for patients, but in all important and hazardous cases the Physician or Surgeon in attendance shall be immediately notified. In all other cases the medical or surgical treatment shall be exclusively by direction of the attending Physician or Surgeons. And in general the House Physician shall be under the direction of the attending Physicians and Surgeons in all his official duties.

THE ATTENDING PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

Shall visit the Hospital daily, at a regular hour. In case he is unavoidably prevented, he shall provide that some other medical officer of the Hospital serve in his stead. He shall prescribe such medicines and diet as are necessary, and shall assign patients to their appropriate wards in the Hospital. He shall report to the Prudential Committee, in writing, whenever a patient requires no further treatment. He shall also have power to discharge patients for any breach of the rules and regulations of the Hospital. He shall make requisition upon the Steward for such medicines and stimulants as may be required for the Hospital. It shall be the duty of the Attending Physicians and Surgeons in all cases involving special danger to the patient, or severe surgical operations, and in cases of doubtful diagnosis, to call one or more of the consulting Physicians and Surgeons to decide upon treatment.

THE PATIENTS.

The patients shall not leave the Hospital grounds without permission from the Steward, or a medical attendant, nor absent themselves longer than the time prescribed by such permission.

In exercising out of doors, patients will confine themselves to the graded walks, and not intrude upon the grass or cultivated grounds.

No fruit or vegetables shall be taken from the trees, vines or grounds, without permission of the Steward, and ~~no injury done to the premises.~~

Spitting on the floors, and other practices inconsistent with neatness of the building and furniture, must be avoided, and a proper regard must be observed for cleanliness in and around the Hospital.

There shall be no loud talking, nor any profane, vulgar or obscene language, nor any unnecessary noise or disturbance in the building, or on the grounds of the Hospital; nor shall any insulting or abusive language or conduct be allowed, either towards other patients or the attendants.

No ardent spirits or other stimulating drinks shall be brought into the Hospital by patients or their friends; nor shall patients be furnished with fruits or any articles of food without the knowledge and permission of a medical attendant.

Visitors shall not be admitted to the rooms of patients without permission from the Steward or medical attendants. No dog or other domestic animal shall be kept on the premises, except under the direction of the Steward.

Any patient who has been discharged for disobedience or other reasons, shall not be allowed to come upon the Hospital premises without permission.

It shall be the duty of the Steward to enjoin a strict observance of the above regulations, and if occasion require, to procure the aid of the city police for the purpose.

All convalescents who are able, and who do not pay the regular charge of the Institution, shall assist generally in the police of their respective wards.



